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Possibility of third farmers' market to be revisited

JAMES MATTHEWS
Staff Reporter

Turns out, there can be too many farmers' markets in Haliburton County.

With markets already established at Head Lake Park in Haliburton and downtown in Minden Hills, the marketplace at Abbey Gardens in Algonquin Highlands proved to be too much.

Vendors' fees have been refunded for the market days missed.

Janine Papadopoulos, the manager at Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association, said two markets proved to be enough, and the end of the third wasn't a bad thing to happen.

The reason Abbey Gardens was closed was due to a lack of vendors interested in paying more market fees and then to have to lug their setups and wares to another site. The third site proved to be a market glut for customers, too.

"The vendors that were there were losing money because they had to drive

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All the classics

The Gardens of Haliburton hosted an Open House, "I'm not old, I'm classic", for residents and visitors to enjoy music by the Radio Rockers as well as classic cars thanks to the local Time Travellers group, free hot dogs, and tours of the facility on Saturday, Aug. 24. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

The Haliburton County Farmers' Market has been operating out of Minden and Haliburton for most of summer following the closure of the Abbey Gardens location. /FILE

Decision to be made this winter

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there," she said. "They had to pick the vegetables, they had to do work to get there to have not enough people show up."

Abbey Gardens drew between 25 to 100 customers.

"And that just was not enough to sustain any one of them," Papadopoulos said.

Labour costs and other behind the scene expenses were factors in its cancellation.

The association's board members decided to close Abbey Gardens and to revisit the decision over the winter, looking ahead to next summer.

"The real question is do we need three markets in Haliburton County because of economic times?" she said. "The market in Haliburton does really well. The market in Minden does really well."

The third market prospered when it was held in Carnarvon. The market was then moved to Stanhope and didn't do well there. Just as the third site started to pick up momentum, the market was moved to Abbey Gardens and fell out of favour.

"So there was no consistency for that market to have a clear following," Papadopoulos said.

The Minden and Haliburton locations enjoy a visibility that doesn't come with other sites, she said. The lack of patrons disappointed vendors.

"I don't think it was a bad thing," she said. "Now the board has to sit down and think, unless we have a good location, do we need a third market?"

Labour Day Weekend events around the county

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Another summer has come and gone in the blink of an eye.

Days without the routine of school are coming to an end as classes start next Tuesday, but the summer still has one last hurrah.

Visitors and residents alike won't want to miss all the county has to offer over Labour Day Weekend.

Here's a lineup of familiar favourites and new events to check out for a full weekend of fun.

Art galleries

In the Highlands, we're lucky to have a thriving arts community, including being the home to many visual artists.

As a result, we have abounding art galleries around the county to house the work of artists close to home and from afar.

At The Space in Haliburton, catch the last few days of Back to the Garden, an exhibit of paintings by Rose Pearson, ceramics by Rhonda Uppington, prints by Lydia Uppington, and florals by Dianne Pearson-Collins.

The Space is located at 173 Highland Street Unit B, and the exhibition ends on Aug. 31.

One street over at Rails End Gallery, explore the paintings of Corynn Kokolakis in M(y)otherwork.

"Her paintings are a poignant exploration of identity and belonging, inviting participants to confront societal constructs around care-giving and celebrate the richness of human diversity."

Rails End Gallery is located at 23 York Street in Haliburton, and M(y)otherwork runs until Sept. 7.

Over in Minden, the Agnes Jamieson Gallery artists Gary Blundell and Victoria Ward's exhibit, Burner Herzog, is on display. See page 4 of this week's *County Life* for more information.

Live music

This weekend has an extensive lineup of live music at various venues in every corner of Haliburton County.

On Friday, Aug. 30, Erin Blackstone will perform at Smoke on the Water on Kennisis Lake starting at 5 p.m.

North of Seven will be at the Minden Fairgrounds from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Thom Lambert will perform at Haliburton Highlands Brewing's new backyard space in Carnarvon from 7 to 9 p.m.

Lastly, Band of Last Resort will perform at Hollow Valley Resort in Dorset starting at 8 p.m.

On Saturday, Aug. 31, the Big Shiny Goons will be at the Rockcliffe in Moore Falls.

Will Surphlis will perform at Smoke on the Water on Kennisis Lake starting at 12 p.m., and will then head over to the Bushkung Smokehouse at Haliburton Forest at 6 p.m.

Gord Kidd and Friends play at the Dominion Hotel in Minden starting at 6 p.m.

As part of the Haliburton County Folk Society's summer lineup, the grievous Angels play at the Logging Museum at Haliburton Forest from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. as a fundraiser for Places for People. See page 17 of this week's *County Life* for more information.

Lastly, Bill Black will perform at Sir Sam's Inn and Spa from 8 to 10 p.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 1, Cam Galloway is set to perform at Hook, Line & Sinker for brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Loney, Love, and Love will perform at Haliburton Highlands Brewing from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mixed Bag will perform at the Dominion Hotel at 5 p.m.

Kinmount Fair

One of the county's most renowned events returns this weekend: the Kinmount Fair.

Head over to the Kinmount Fairgrounds all weekend for live entertainment, rides, vendors, Highland Games, tractor and truck pulls, horse shows, demolition derbies, yummy food, and so much more.

Read page 5 of this week's *County Life* for information about this year's Warriors' Day Parade.

Bonnie View Inn

The Bonnie View Inn is hosting a celebration for their 100th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 1.

The Ya Babys will perform on the dockside patio, and old photos will be on display along with special 100th anniversary merchandise.

For a full list of events, visit myhaliburtonhighlands.com/whats-happening.

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Singing away summer

Highlands Opera Studio presented one of the most renowned Italian comic operas, *the Barber of Seville*, at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion this past weekend. "A Spanish nobleman, Count Almaviva, is in love with the beautiful and rich Rosina. However, she is the ward of the old, conniving, and extremely protective Doctor Bartolo, who wishes to marry the girl himself in order to get his hands on her money. Almaviva, unable to reach Rosina, turns to the wily Barber, Figaro, for help," read the Highlands Opera Studio website. /TIM YANO Special to the *Echo*

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HAVE golf tournament raises $25,000 for clean water

Wes Lytle putts on the green at the Help a Village Effort (HAVE) Ron Reid Charity Golf Tournament on Thursday, Aug. 15. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

VIVIAN COLLINGS
Editor

Clean water shouldn't be a luxury. It's a necessity for all.

Help a Village Effort (HAVE) knows the difference clean water can make in rural communities far from Haliburton County.

The not-for-profit organization has been providing wells in rural villages in India since 1982.

Their golf tournament at Gull River Golf Course on Thursday, Aug. 15 raised $25,000, enough for 25 new wells to be installed in rural villages in India.

"The average well costs about $2,500 to install and can accommodate 1,000 or more people. Our hearts swell when these wells go into communities where there are schools, and of course it has a big impact on the lives of women and girls who would have to walk long distances for water. They can now go to school. We're seeing those changes," said HAVE President Michele Coneybeare.

HAVE was founded when retired teacher Gerald Feltham traveled to India and took notice of the lack of clean drinking water in many small communities.

When he came back home to Haliburton, he recruited friends and colleagues which then became the first board members of HAVE.

Their theme: "One small village in one country helping a small village in another country."

Coneybeare was brought on 14 years ago by friend and long-time board member Debbie Wales.

They now have branches in both British Columbia and Newfoundland.

Coneybeare said they've heard countless success stories.

"A lot of communities suffer from diseases related to unsanitary drinking water. One woman's life completely changed when a well was installed 500 metres from her house. She can now spend her time cultivating her garden for extra money and support her family. Her daughters can now go to school," Coneybeare said.

Sixty four golfers played the nine-hole course while eight volunteers organized a putting competition, silent auction, and more at last Thursday's tournament, and lunch was provided by Mulligans.

The tournament itself is named after Ron Reid in his memory. Reid was a long-time chair of HAVE, and "was known for his kindheartedness and sunny disposition."

He was instrumental in acquiring a $500,000 CDIA grant for the organization.

HAVE is also recruiting new board members and seeking bigger corporate sponsorships.

For ways to help HAVE and get involved, visit www.helpavillageeffort.org.

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A sunset on Head Lake. by Vivian Collings

Editorial

Time of the season

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WHERE'D ALL the time go?

Is it just me, or does summer seem to go by faster each year?

Somehow, we're in the very last week of August.

September starts in days.

Along with a new month on the calendar comes a huge shift in daily routines for many.

Even now, being long past my school days, the end of August still hatches butterflies in my stomach.

You can quite literally feel the onset of a new chapter in the cooler night air.

It can feel like a difficult time to navigate, whether you're heading back to school yourself, are a parent, teacher, or have just taken time to really soak in the summer and all its activities.

When our minds are overwhelmed with focusing on new schedules, it's important to take care of ourselves.

Here are some reminders of things that should stay out of our blind spots as we navigate new roads.

First and foremost: mental health.

Neuroscientists say that the brain registers change the same way it registers an error.

We see it as something that needs to be corrected, causing feelings of anxiety and uncertainty.

Our brains are trained to favour familiarity.

It feels safe.

But change is still important, and even good for us.

We learn, grow, adapt, and become stronger because of it.

While we adjust, it's important to check in.

For me, the way to get back to feeling like myself involves a quiet walk to process the day.

For some, it helps to spend time with your people.

Whatever makes you feel at ease, make time for it.

At the same time, scientists also say that cognitive rehabilitation exercises to keep our brains from limiting themselves to what's familiar.

These can be found on websites like Lumosity and BrainTrain.

You've heard it a million times, but try to stay away from screens.

Too much time consuming media may feel good in the moment, but it's really only having a numbing effect.

Time in the real world, interacting with real people, is truly the best way to fully enjoy a new season, and that goes for kids, teenagers, and adults.

For the past couple of months, we were all likely in our usual bubble of people.

Everyone that has children in their lives knows what's about to come.

Colds are already spreading.

It's about to happen, tenfold.

I hate to say it, but COVID hasn't gone anywhere, either.

Wash your hands. Lots.

And please, please, stay home if you're sick.

Nobody likes fighting illness, and it's best for everyone if you keep it contained if your household.

To help boost your immune system during this time, make sure you're sleeping enough and eating proper, nutritious meals.

Exercise also goes hand in hand with mental health.

Do you feel better after moving your body or sitting on your couch for hours?

I've come to realize that ten thousand steps a day is harder than it seems. But it doesn't stop me from trying to get there everyday.

Change is always scary, but it's truly the perfect opportunity to take care of ourselves.

The return

Our road

Down

sharon lynch

BRENDA DIDN'T know what to expect. Marie had shown up this morning with time on her hands and a suggestion. She wanted a drive to the old cottage, the place where the two sisters had spent their summers those many years ago. Although it was still in the family, the current generation lived out of province and didn't have the luxury of spending two months by the lake. So the cottage didn't get used very much and was badly in need of repair.

Brenda was torn between seeing it now in its current state or keeping it alive in her memory as it used to be. Reluctantly she agreed to go with Marie. If nothing else, it was a beautiful day for a drive to cottage country.

This was late August, a time Brenda had hated as a youngster. August had meant saying goodbye to the cottage and returning to the city and school. And their mother's yearly announcement at the start of the month that 'summer is almost over' had made her angry. It was as though the last bit of cottage time was snatched away with those words, replaced by a looming sense of loss.

Marie drove while Brenda sat in the passenger seat and took in the changing scenery. Once they left the city, the world opened up to blue sky and sunny views. Barns and bridges, fields of corn and eventually lakes and rivers replaced subdivisions and malls. Marie could feel her body soften and relax as she breathed in the warmth coming through the car window. It wasn't hot enough for air conditioning so both sisters let the rushing air make a mess of their hair. Marie was glad she had agreed to this trip.

After passing through several hamlets, they stopped at a small store for ice cream. It was that kind of day: no hurry, just sunshine and pleasant company. Taking their cones outside, they sat on an old bench under an enormous walnut tree and ate in companionable silence. Brenda decided that even if they were disappointed in the state of the cottage, the trip was already worth the effort. Allowing herself to slow down, even if only for an afternoon, was something she needed to do more often. Marie was always after her to put some fun in her life, starting with turning off the news.

As they pulled onto the bumpy, rutted driveway that led to the cottage, Brenda heard the wind in the trees and saw the lake sparkling blue beyond. Then she saw the cottage. It looked as though it had barely changed in all the years.

The roof still sagged ever-so-slightly and bits of moss clung to some of the shingles. The front porch needed painting and weeds grew where their mother used to plant flowers. But really, it didn't look all that differently from when Brenda was eleven years old and ran around barefoot.

Why hadn't she been back here for so many years? She knew the answer to her own silent question: other priorities. Work, work and more work and when not working for pay, she worked at home. After Norman died, it was Brenda who did all the maintenance and raised the kids until they flew the nest. There was neither the time nor the energy to drive to the cottage.

Sure she had thought about taking a weekend and going north. But it had felt indulgent to walk away from all that needed doing at home. Now suddenly she realized how wrong she had been. Because without even anticipating it, Brenda was now eleven years old and the years slipped away like water after a swim. The deep joy that had always nestled inside her when she was at this place, was back.

It didn't matter what the cottage looked like. It didn't matter that there were weeds everywhere, a tilting dock and crooked chimney. The feelings were what almost brought her to tears. As she looked at the lake and smelled the air, it was all so familiar and so much a part of her. She hadn't realized how much she had missed it until now.

Then Marie turned to her and said, "You feel it too, don't you?"

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Safe and secure

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Loon Tales

I'M ALL FOR security, but my Canada Revenue Agency personal account has taken that to new levels. It is so secure that even I can't get in.

I know what you are thinking. Why would I even want to?

We all know, no good can come of it.

Well, the truth is, I didn't want to. I was summoned.

I was sent an email that said I had a message on my CRA account that required my attention. I was advised to log in and read it. It was all very official.

Unfortunately, I am one of those guys who, when the CRA says "jump", yells "How high?"

It might be my greatest character flaw.

In any case, my attempt to jump went like this.

After pressing the sign in button, I was asked to provide my username and password.

I believe this is the first test the CRA uses to ensure that anyone over 50 is not a young hacker trying to break into our accounts. You see, if I remembered my username and password, they would automatically know it was not me.

Heck, if I remembered where I wrote down my username and password, I would not be me either. Luckily though, I stumbled upon it and minutes later after mistyping it twice, passed the first test.

Next, just to ramp up the difficulty level, they asked me the name of my first boss. This was confusing. Because I used to think the guy who told me what to do at work was my boss. But after I got married, I knew he was no such thing.

In any case, I got that wrong the first time. So, I had to start over.

A few minutes later, after passing this stage, they asked me to consult the authentication grid they sent me in 2022.

It was at this point I thought I was being punked.

Luckily, I remembered that I downloaded it onto my computer. So, I looked in my CRA file, and then 15 minutes later found it in a file I don't remember creating titled, "Recycle Bin".

I found the codes they required on the authentication grid, which was fun for a guy who likes old spy movies. Then I punched in the code.

At this point I was hoping they would ask me to sit on a park bench, read a newspaper, and then tail the women wearing the red carnation on her lapel to a drop box where my message would be waiting.

Instead, they informed me that my authentication grid had expired the week before,

I should apply for a new one. Which, God help me, I did.

Minutes later, they emailed a new authentication grid, which I promptly downloaded to God knows where.

After a thorough search, in which I even looked under my computer, I found it with the other one in Recycle Bin file.

This allowed me restart the process.

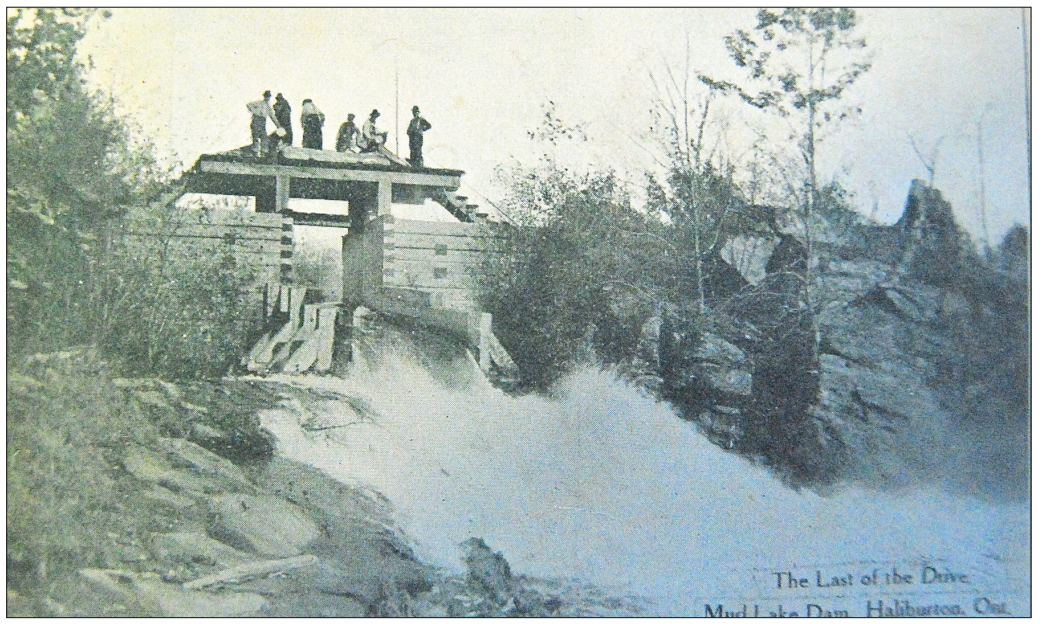
Now a veteran of this process, I expertly typed in my username and password, followed by the first name of my maternal grandmother's pet monkey's stepson, followed by the new codes from the new authentication grid.

And, as simple as that, I was in.

Unnaturally satisfied with my technical expertise, I pressed the button that would open my CRA messages. Which prompted them to tell me the message system was down and to try again later.

CRA, if you are reading this, we're now going to do it my way.

I'm going to the park. I will be the guy on a bench, reading a newspaper. Send the lady with the red carnation on her lapel.



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This postcard reads: The Last of the Drive. Mud Lake Dam, Haliburton./Submitted

Nominations open for Chamber of Commerce Awards

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce will announce award winners at the Awards Gala on Oct. 25.

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 16th Annual Business and Community Achievement Awards!

The Chamber is committed to recognizing and supporting strong organizations within our community. As with every other year, we are excited to see this year's nominations and learn more about the stories behind them," said Amanda Conn, Executive Director of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Board President Mark Bell added, "We have so many excellent businesses, impactful not-for-profits and amazing individuals in the county to recognize; let's make sure they all get the nominations they deserve." Since last year's awards, the Chamber has reviewed and updated the award categories and our processes. The result was the addition of some new categories such as Established Business of the Year, Retail Business of the Year and Professional Services Business of the Year. We have also redefined a number of categories.

This year, the Chamber is launching a new solution to facilitate Express Nominations. Through the Awardify Platform, members of the public and Chamber Members will be able to nominate exceptional businesses and individuals quickly. The nominee will then be able to supplement the nomination with additional information, and the platform will manage our anonymous judging process. To make a nomination or to learn more about the new process, visit haliburtonawards.com or use the homepage link on our website, haliburtonchamber.com

This year, the Chamber will be accepting nominations in 14 different categories. These categories are:

- Business Woman of The Year
- Customer Service Excellence - Business
- Customer Service Excellence - Employee
- Employer of the Year
- Established Business of the Year
- Highlander of the Year
- Individual Leadership Business Achievement
- Industry & Skilled Trades of the Year
- New Business of the Year
- Not-for-Profit of the Year
- Professional Service Business of the Year
- Retail Business of the Year
- Tourism & Hospitality Business of the Year
- Young Professional of the Year

To learn more about each award and to nominate a business or individual, please visit haliburtonawards.com or haliburtonchamber.com.

Nominations close at 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 27. Nominees will then have till Oct. 3 to review their nominations and add supplementary information.

Winners will be announced at this year's Gala on Oct. 25, 2024. This premier event will celebrate excellence in our community and conclude Small Business Week in Haliburton County. Tickets for the Gala will go on sale Sept. 1, 2024.

For more information, please contact:

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About the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce is the voice of business in #MyHaliburtonHighlands. The Chamber is committed to strengthening business and community through its leadership through advocacy, networking, participation, education, and services. As a member-based business advocacy organization, we are dedicated to providing a strong voice in support of our community's economic vitality.

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Charity golf tournament to commemorate OPP officer

VIVIAN COLLINGS
Editor

Ontario Provincial Police constable Eric Nystedt worked out of the Minden detachment and was tragically killed on duty during the July long weekend of 1993. /Photo submitted

Ontario Provincial Police constable Eric Nystedt was tragically killed on duty just over 31 years ago.

He was in his early 20s, the same age as many of the constables at the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment today.

A charity golf tournament will be held in his name for the first time ever this September at Pinestone Resort.

"The idea came from all of the young officers in the detachment. It's amazing because a lot of them weren't even born yet when he passed away, but his life clearly has an impact on all of them. They wanted to create something in his memory that would give back to the community year after year," said retired OPP officer Mike Landry and Nystedt's former partner on the road.

Landry and Nystedt were the only officers on duty in the early morning hours of July 3, 1993 when Nystedt was killed by an intoxicated man.

The young constable had a zest for life and was big on sports.

"He would've absolutely loved to play in this tournament himself," said Landry.

The first-annual Eric Nystedt Memorial Charity Golf Tournament will take place on Thursday, Sept. 5.

It's hosted in partnership with the Haliburton Highlands OPP and Pinestone Resort.

Proceeds from the tournament will go towards the Ontario Special Olympics, Haliburton County Food and Heat Banks, Places for People, and Born Again Bargains.

Two tee times will accommodate teams of four at 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. playing best ball from a shotgun start.

Hole-in-one prizes include a Ford F-150, a Chevy Traverse, and free Godfather's Pizza for a year.

A buffet dinner and silent auction will end the day.

"We've been so pleased with how well the tournament has been received. Everyone's going to have such a great time," Landry said.

There are still a few spots left. To register, contact hhoppcharitygolf@yahoo.com.

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From riches to rags: escaping post-war Vietnam

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

Biography of a Woman: Journey to Freedom was released July 29 of this year. The novel is written by local author Susan Garrod-Schuster in collaboration with Giang-Chau Ghent. Chau was one of over 100,00 Vietnamese boat people, refugees that fled Vietnam at the end of the Vietnam War.

"I have known [Chau] since she came to Canada because she is married to my friend's brother," explained Schuster. "She came to Canada in 1979."

Susan Garrod-Schuster has had a family house at Redstone Lake for many years. Chau had met David, the brother of Schuster's friend at a Christmas party at her sponsor's home. A few years later, the pair were married.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, Schuster had attended a book club with her friends. They were reading Ru, a novel by Kim Thúy. Chau was invited to share her experience of growing up in Vietnam. Chau shared stories about growing up in the royal palace under Hoàng Thi Cúc. Hoàng Thi Cúc, concubine of Emperor Khai Dinh. She was the mother of Bao Dai, who was the final emperor of the Nguyen dynasty.

After hearing Chau's story, Schuster could not get Chau's history out of her head.

"I asked her, would you be interested in ever writing your story?" said Schuster. Chau began to cry and said that she did want to write her story, but feared her English was not good enough to record it. Initially, Chau wanted to document her story for her children and grandchildren.

"As time went on and we developed her story, we felt it could appeal to a bigger audience," said Schuster. "As things evolved over time, it developed into an actual book."

Initially, the pair met over coffee and Schuster took handwritten notes as Chau dictated her history.

"As it evolved we began to Facetime each other and then we were meeting on Facetime. As she remembered an anecdote or a scene or anything that popped in her mind she would share it and I would write it down," said Schuster.

Chau would remember bits of her childhood and adventure to Canada sporadically. Sometimes she would remember things that happened on the boat, running through the emperor's gardens, or things her Mom had told her.

To write the novel, Schuster had to research Vietnam entirely. She researched the Vietnam War, politics, the geography, notable names, everything she needed to elucidate Chau's stories. The pair also engaged an editor to create a plotline for the novel and create some form of storyline. The first half of their novel, Biography of a Woman: Journey to Freedom, is exclusively about Vietnam history, the war, and her connections to the royal palace. The book follows Chau's life from growing up in a life of luxury, to fleeing to Canada. Chau now lives in Etobicoke and has 2 daughters and 4 grandkids. Chau's mother was raised by the empress herself, is 95 years old and lives near St. Catherines.

"I am an immigrant myself, I was born in England. I have the same kind of feelings around relocation and grief over homeland," said Schuster. "Some of those feelings that Chau and I connected on, leaving your culture behind, your country, and your friends."

Schuster says that she and Chau connected on both having children, grandchildren, studied Philosophy in school and pursued similar intellectual interests.

Working with Chau on the novel, Schuster says that she was able to be immersed in the culture, habits, and customs of the time period in Vietnam.

"It was a very laborious process because it is not fiction and I was working with her material," said Schuster. "The genre is narrative nonfiction. That means that the major parts of the events were true."

"I would sketch a chapter around her anecdote and then we would share it back and forth," said Schuster.

After completing the novel, the pair decided on publishing their book with Kindle Direct Publishing through Amazon.

"It is printed on demand so basically you can order one book or order 100 books," said Schuster.

On the week of Aug. 9, the book was #1 bestseller in Amazon's Vietnam War category. A category that Amazon automatically assigns books, and one that Schuster says is not entirely accurate.

"We are pretty excited. It was an interesting category. There are some elements in the book about the Vietnam War but it isn't a Vietnam War book," said Schuster. "The focus is on Chau's story. Going from riches to rags."

'The reception has been very exciting. There are a lot of feet on the ground and a lot of people have been asking for us to sign it," said Schuster.

"Anybody that feels like they are having a hard life can realize that somebody can go through an awful lot and still come out great," said Schuster.

"It is a story of faith. She is buddhist and held on to her faith and belief. Her faith throughout the journey helped her go through it," said Schuster

"It is resilience, it is strength. She is the second oldest of 11 children. Her, her brother and one of her sisters. She was the leader and she had to make incredible decisions along the way to save their lives."

Biography of a Woman: Journey to Freedom is available to be purchased from Master's Bookstore in Haliburton. Schuster is also currently organizing a book signing event for the fall. A discussion about the book will be airing on Canoe FM Wednesday at 11 a.m.

"Haliburton has always been a haven for artists of all genres," said Schuster. "It is nice to be able to feature your local community when you are having some form of success."

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Having a ball

Talented performers dazzled a sold-out crowd at the Deco-dense Burlesque Ball as part of Minden Pride's Pride Week celebrations at the Pinestone Resort on Friday, Aug. 23.

Auntie Plum read stories to engaged listeners at the Haliburton Library on Aug. 22 as a part of Pride Week in the Haliburton Highlands. The messages of the stories included acceptance, inclusivity, and love.

Storytime smiles

Sutton Mansfield, aged 5 months, joined his first Drag Story Time at the Haliburton Library on Aug. 22 to celebrate Pride Week in the Haliburton Highlands. /Emily Stonehouse Special to the *Echo*

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New zombie novel set in Haliburton County

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Staff Reporter

Leanne Bowron moved her family from Hawkestone, Ontario to Haliburton around 20 years ago.

Moving to Haliburton is a decision that Bowron says likely saved her son Cody Hunt's life. Hunt was bullied as a kid due to his sexuality. Bowron describes her son as being more delicate and emotionally softer than the other boys his age. This lead him to be bullied and ridiculed by other kids.

Hunt started reading when he was four and quickly became a voracious reader, said Bowron.

"He always had ideas about books. He was always very imaginative and has always been very creative."

After moving to Haliburton, Hunt was welcomed with open arms. More than he ever was in Hawkestone. Describing Haliburton as more artsy and more accepting, Bowron says that the move to Haliburton was one of the best decisions she has made for her family.

"It just fit," said Bowron.

While attending high school in Haliburton, Hunt came out publicly.

"He had a boyfriend in high school," said Bowron. "He was openly gay. He had a better life in Haliburton than what he had in Hawkestone."

On May 27 of this year, Hunt published his first novel Death & Red Trilliums: Haliburton. It is the first book in a series of novels he hopes to continue. His book is written under the pen name R. C. Hannah. Death & Red Trilliums follows Cory Thomas. Cory lives in a post-apocalyptic Haliburton in a world ravaged by a zombie apocalypse. The protagonist is based on Hunt himself. Just like Hunt, Cory faces struggles growing up gay, has a troubled relationship with his father, and desires to move away from his small town. Death & Red Trilliums takes place in Haliburton and includes locations like Skyline Park, Harburn Road, and Dragonfly Diner, which was inspired by the Kosy Korner. In Death & Red Trilliums, Cory meets his high school bully, Jake Tannery, who is now a single dad. As they navigate the zombie riddled world together, Cory and Jake learn they can leave the past behind them and find love that they both deserve. Lee Mullen, the owner of Dragonfly Diner, is based on Hunt's mother Leanne Bowron. The next book in the series is rumored to take place in Minden.

"He used red trilliums because they are called the corpse flower and smell like death," said Bowron.

"It is somewhat auto-biographical. Except the zombie part," said Bowron with a laugh.

Bowron says writing the book was very therapeutic for Hunt.

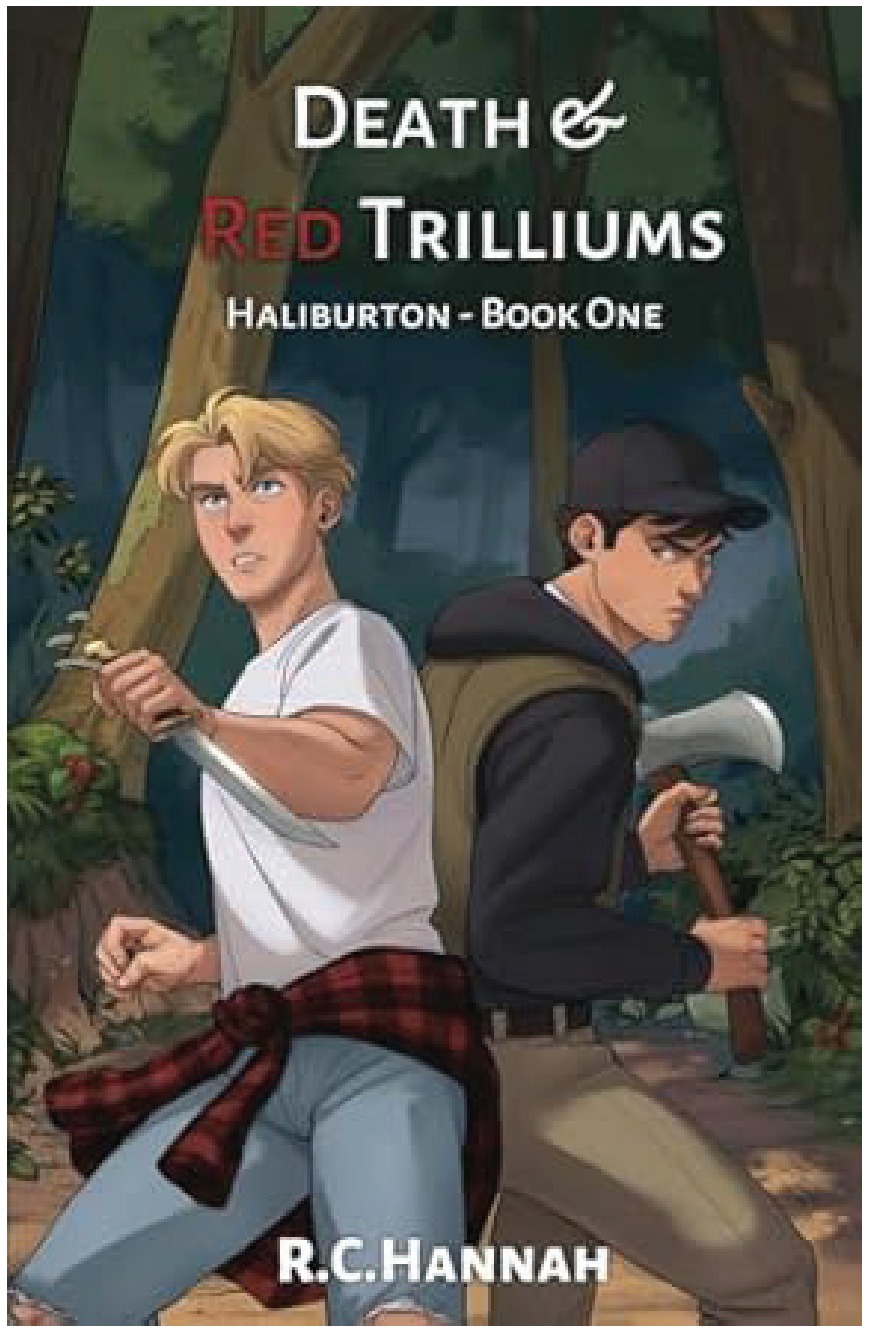
After high school and a brief stint at the University of Ottawa, Hunt eventually moved to Missisassauga. Working from home, Bowron says that her son began writing Death & Red Trilliums about a year and a half ago. After completing the book, Hunt published the novel through Kindle Direct Publishing. Liam Mann, a friend of Hunt, did the artwork for the cover.

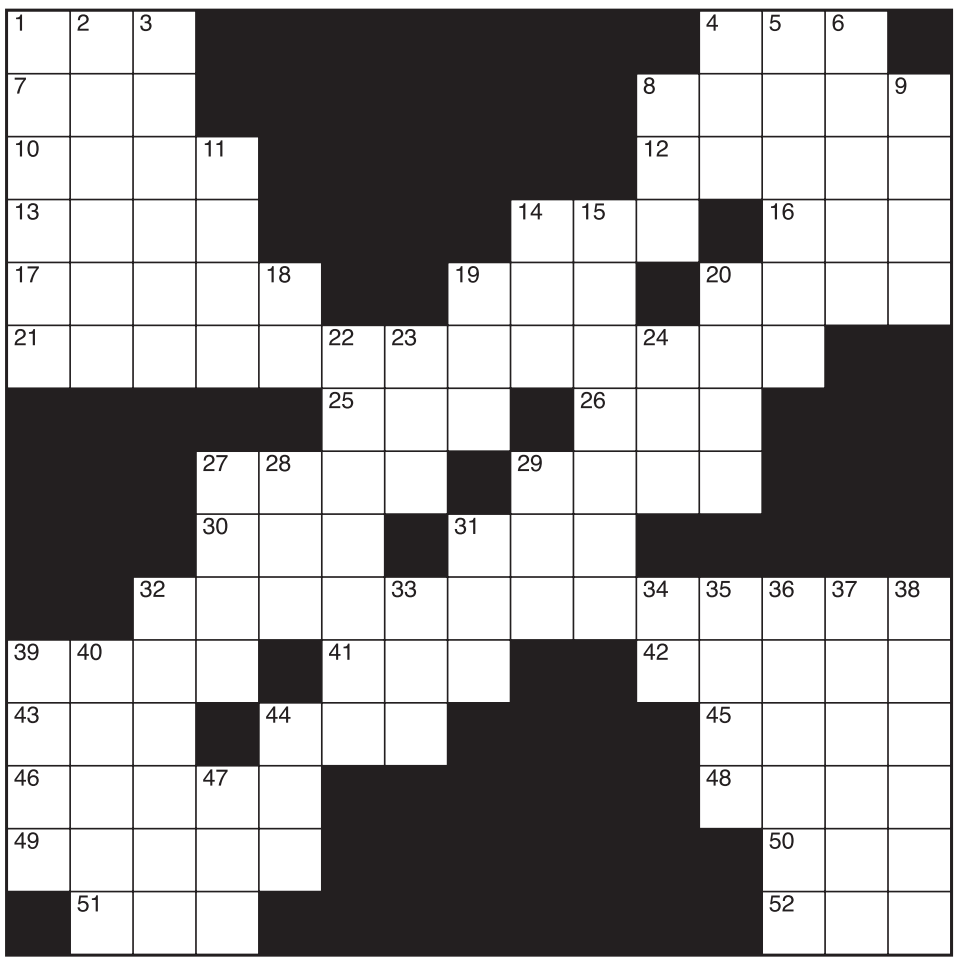
Cody Hunt aka R.C. Hannah will have a table at the Rainbow Street Festival on Aug. 25 as part of the programming for Minden Pride. Copies of Death & Red Trilliums will be available for purchase. The 2024 Rainbow Street Festival takes place on Water Street in Minden on Saturday and will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bowron and her family are immensely proud of Hunt for his achievement.

"Don't let being gay stop you from doing anything. Be inspired by whatever makes you happy," said Bowron.

According to Bowron, Hunt is currently working on a science fiction novel. R.C. Hannah's website is https://www.rchannah.com/ and copies of Death & Red Trilliums can be purchased from Amazon.





CLUES ACROSS
1. Microgram
4. After B
7. Everything
8. An unfortunate development
10. Coat with sticky substance
12. Cylinder of tobacco for smoking
13. Minimum interval take off
14. Yuck!
16. NBA sensation Jeremy
17. Where some rockers work
19. Midway between northeast and east
20. Snake-like fishes
21. Groups of homes
25. Swiss river
26. Useful towel
27. "The Wire" character "Moreland"
29. Oafish creature
30. A major division of geological time
31. Bird-like Chinese dinosaur
32. Sporting events
39. Body part
41. Clerical vestment
42. Shows data
43. Some are "special"
44. Expression of disappointment
45. Students' rights document (abbr.)
46. Vacation locale Costa __
48. Pop singer
49. Distract outside a city
50. Mark Wahlberg comedy
51. Coniferous tree
52. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN
1. Lunatic
2. Actress Danes
3. Buttock muscles
4. The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
5. Popular 70s rockers
6. Electronic communication
8. Trigraph
9. Sea eagles
11. Low-pitched, resonant sound
14. Northeastern US university (abbr.)
15. Home of the Bulldogs
18. Exclamation of surprise
19. Make a mistake
20. Advantage
22. Monkeys love them
23. Wood
24. Paddle
27. Past participle of be
28. Tall, rounded vase
29. Device manufacturers
31. Financial institution (abbr.)
32. Paper product
33. A type
34. Atomic #43
35. Red Hot Chili Peppers' drummer
36. Behaviors
37. Decays
38. Walked confidently
39. Voice (Italian)
40. Class of adhesives
44. Bar bill
47. One-time aerospace firm

Answers on page 15

Children's Grassroots Soccer

10-13 Red Girls - Beau Blaney - That everyone gets to have a great time! Everyone is always happy and will smile! Hopes baby brother will come watch in future.

Cali blue 5-7 - Colten & Conner Guyett - Colten was a rocket with the ball & Conner played amazing defence protecting the net with some wicked passes.

The cooler air provided an ideal setting for another lively afternoon of soccer, serving as a gentle reminder that September is just around the corner. But for now, the focus is still on the beautiful game, as these kids make the most of the remaining days of summer. The brisk breeze didn't dampen their spirits; if anything, it energized them as they embraced the challenge of fine-tuning the skills they've been working on all season.

With each passing week, the gameplay has reached new heights. The players are moving faster, making sharp, strategic passes, and delivering powerful shots on goal. The intensity on the field is palpable, with every match featuring incredible, nail-biting saves that keep everyone on the edge of their seats. The level of competition has risen, and these young athletes are meeting it head-on, handling the highs and lows of each game with the poise and resilience of seasoned pros.

As the season nears its conclusion, the coaches and parents can see just how far these kids have come. Their skills have sharpened, their endurance has improved, and their love for the game has only grown stronger. We're excited to see them carry these experiences with them as they head back to school, more confident and prepared for whatever challenges lie ahead. It's been a fantastic season, and we look forward to wrapping it up with the same energy and enthusiasm that have defined the entire summer!

Submitted by Andrew Brown

Boys White 10-13 – Gavin – Excellent defensive skills shutting down a lot of attacks from the other team.

Our MVP this week is Huxley Brown age 7. He played a great game and made lots of contact with the ball.

Girls black team 10-13 - Kenna Ryalen

Yellow 5-7 - Ezra Waitow

Royal Blue 5-7 - Makinley Annis - Makinley fought some strong battles for the ball tonight! She played solid and followed through with every pass.

7-9 boys MVP - Oliver Gage

7-9 girls purple
MVP- Olivia Howe

Joy is in the air, don't'cha know

Maybelle's

Fireside stories

DEAR READER,

Why if a beautiful wave of joy and hope didn't burst right through ol' Maybelle's television screen and into my heart, don'tcha know. You guessed it. I was watching the U.S. Democratic National Convention that took place in Chicago, and I am now head over heels giddy with what I was seeing, hearing and feeling.

Boy oh boy, what a group of smart, caring, accomplished folks. Why if I heard the words "your neighbour" once, I heard it a hundred times. And, "for the future of our children and our children's children." And with smiles and laughter and joy. How refreshing is that!

As you know, ol' Maybelle doesn't talk about politics in my column, but I do talk about *joy*. And joy is in the air. You can feel it. And watch it show up in conversations right here on home ground. And boy can we all use a dose or two of that!

Here's what I found on the Internet: The true definition of joy goes beyond the limited explanation presented in a dictionary — "a feeling of great pleasure and happiness." True joy is a limitless, life-defining, transformative reservoir waiting to be tapped into. It requires the utmost surrender and, like love, is a choice to be made.

And, Dear Reader, it's *free*. We get to choose what we focus on. Which door we open or close: *joy* or *anger* and *fear*. A no-brainer for ol' Maybelle. As you know I always look for the higher thought, the happier feeling. And so do my good friends, Vilma Yuccch, Twindle Mumbly, Sybil Beaucannon Hughes, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, and Beanpole Starkman, don'tcha know.

Why, if Twindle didn't say just the other day, "I'm not sure what's causing it, but I've been walking around with a smile on my face that just won't go away. I passed by a mirror and didn't know who I was looking at. And you know what, Maybelle? I look better when I smile. And, folks I pass smile back at me. *What's going on?*"

Ah, this is the kind of contagion I like. No, that I *love.* Kinda like the Butterfly Effect. You know, the idea that when a butterfly flaps its wings, it can affect the atmosphere thousands of miles away.

Well, it works not only for JOY, it works for *anger* and *fear*, too. Somehow, the idea of joy got lost from our vocabulary over the past eight years or so. Folks were feeling so dark and gloomy about so much darkness in the world that on those blessed days when you'd find yourself feeling joyful you almost felt like you had to hide it. Well, *not anymore.*

Some of us find joy in the smallest things. A hummingbird feeding near your window. A puppy licking your face. Perennials popping through the earth. A friendly smile, A gesture of kindness. A belly-tickling joke. Seeing the light in a loved one's eyes.

It's a choice that we can all make. So, from ol' Maybelle to you, Dear Reader, I wish you joy and hope and all the good things that come along with it!

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You," 21 of Maybelle's best short stories, and "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon" (a novel) is now available at www.amazon.com.

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Road safety reminders from Haliburton Bus Lines

Honk, honk! It's that time of year where the children of Haliburton County are getting ready to head off to school. Haliburton Bus Lines is ready to roll. As summer holidays come to an end, here are some back to school road safety tips and a little message on how we all play a part in keeping our children safe.
Bus Times

Starting on Sept. 3, motorists in Haliburton County will encounter buses Monday to Friday mornings between 7 and 9 a.m. and in the afternoons between 3 and 5 p.m.

What do our lights mean to motorists?

When you are approaching or following a school bus and their overhead amber lights are flashing, this means the bus is preparing to stop at a school board designated pick-up/drop-off location. Motorists should exercise caution and keep a safe distance between their vehicle and the bus. When the bus overhead lights turn from amber to red and the stop sign deploys, motorists are required to stop. When the overhead lights are red and the stop sign is deployed, children will be entering the roadway to embark or disembark the school bus.

Haliburton Bus Lines duty to the community

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Motorists' duty to students

Remain aware of your surroundings at all times while operating your vehicle. Remember that children of all ages will be standing and walking along the roadways and are not always supervised by an adult. Exercise patience and keep a safe distance as buses will be stopping frequently.

Thank you for keeping the future of Haliburton County safe this school year.

Submitted by Haliburton Bus Lines

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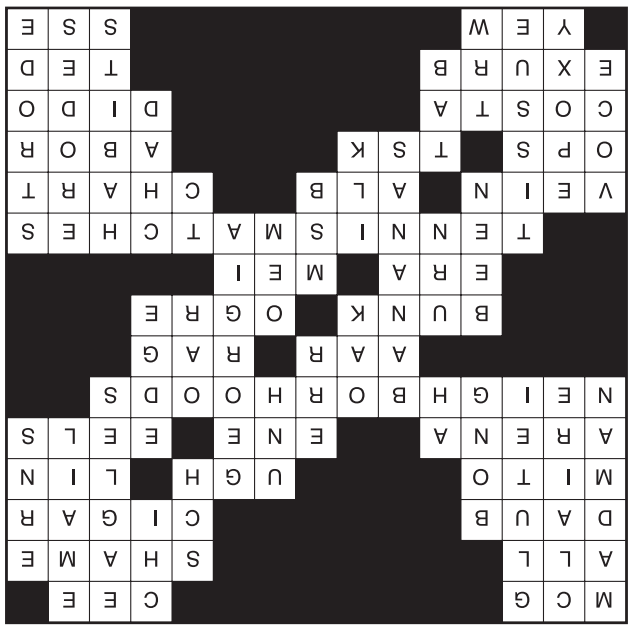

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No live bait will mean no tourism, dealers say

by SUE BACHNER
Staff Reporter

Ever since the Ministry of Natural Resources announced its plans for protecting trout populations a month ago, many Haliburton Highlanders have been feeling their future is at stake. And a large part of it boils down to one tiny creature: the minnow.

Minnows are small freshwater fish commonly used as bait for trout. Some fishermen feel that if the MNR has its way and bans the use of all live bait in the Highlands, you may as well bid adieu to the tourism industry.

"Who's going to come up to rent huts if they can't (ice) fish?" says Ken Bruce, who sells live bait and tackle at his West Guilford shop, Ken's Bait and Tackle. "The motel season's gone, your food service is gone, gas is gone...You might as well kiss your tourism goodbye."

Last month the MNR released Proposed Management For Naturally Reproducing Populations Of Brook Trout and Lake Trout In South Central Ontario, a 38-page document that points out 63 lakes in the Haliburton Highlands (among others in the province) that have been selected for protection against fishing exploitation. Limiting the size of fish that can be taken from the lakes and banning live bait are two of the changes it plans to implement, possibly by 1995.

Studies have shown that the chances of a fish dying after it has latched onto live bait is five times greater than if the fisherman used an artificial lure. "Because of the smell and movement, they're not just tasting what's on the hook, they swallow it. As a result it goes deeper in the gut," says MNR biologist Dana Kinsman. And since the fish is willing to get closer to the live bait, the chances of being hooked in a critical area such as

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Bass N' Tario finals coming to town

by WENDY BIRD
Staff Reporter

Shine up your best lures and string up your slickest rod, because September 10 and 11 the "Bass N'Tario Classic Five" is coming to Haliburton.

Although amateur fishing-enthusiasts may not be able to take part in the tournament, at least they'll be able to witness more than 100 finalists from 3,000 active members of the Bass N'Tario tour take part in the small-and-large-mouth bass competition. It's the cream-of-the-fishing-crop who'll cast their lines into Head Lake (and beyond) with the hopes of landing the top prize of a Stratos bass boat and motor, valued at $15,000, along with $5,000 in gas money. The total purse for the event rings in at $40,000, and prizes will be awarded to the top-ten competitors.

About 54 boats, with two competitors in each, will start out at Head Lake and branch out into some of Haliburton's surrounding lakes, says Randy Jennings, president and CEO of the Bass N'Tario tour. Anglers will hail from as close as Lindsay, to as far away as Medina, New York.

"The tour is always looking for new water in which to fish," Jennings says. "In the past we've not been familiar with the fact that Haliburton waters have bass . . . we always assumed the majority of fish were lake trout."

But after a personal weekend excursion to Haliburton, at the height of summer, Jennings landed three, six-pound, large mouth bass. "Haliburton's lakes have a real uniqueness," Jennings says enthusiastically. "There are a large number of one-and-a-half pound bass in these waters, and there are some real giants out there."

Jennings says that he has seen

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School board tenders for architechture project

by WENDY BIRD
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County's Board of Education has decided to ask architects across Canada to submit proposals for the county's $3.65-million project to improve J.D. Hodgson Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

The board's management committee had recommended that the board re-appoint the architectural firm Allen and Sherriff, saying that they have been pleased with the work the firm has done for the board in the past and that the firm knows what the needs of the schools are.

"Some boards always stay with the same architects," Superintendent of Business Administration Jim Bradley said.

However, when the recommendation came to the board level, Dysart trustee Wayne Wood – who also sits on the management committee and voted against the re-appointment – reiterated that he felt it was necessary that the board look for proposals.

"I don't feel it's right to not tender this project," he said. "We're talking about tons of money here."

Sherborne trustee John Munro said that "Allen and Sherriff have done an outstanding job for us, but on the other hand, we're dealing with two different structures . . . so perhaps input from other firms is good.

"But if we're only going to 'go through the motions' in deciding who will be awarded the project, then we shouldn't put the firms through the work of submitting proposals."

Dysart trustee Len Salvatori agreed but reaffirmed that "we may get some better ideas for the projects."

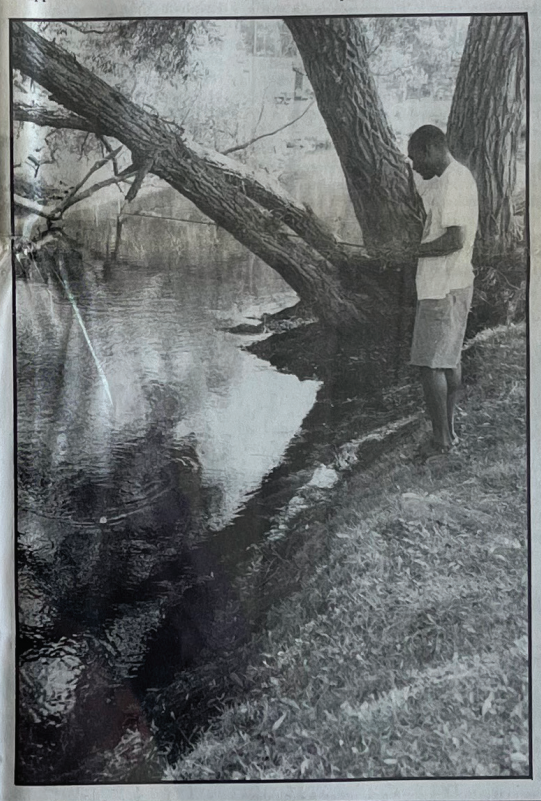
Haliburton County does not have "the luxury of a local architect," Bradley says, so the board will have to look for proposals from across the country. The board decided to call for tenders, and will accept a maximum of five to make proposals, which will be considered by the management committee next month.

Calling for proposals will only set the board back a couple of months in its timeline for completion of the projects. The original tentative schedule was as follows:

- preliminary planning of additions, September to December 1994
- Ministry of Education approvals and detail review of plans, January to December 1995
- construction, January to December 1996

Government funding for these projects will be advanced to the board during the 1996-1997 school year.

The province approved the funding of the addition of a gymnasium and renovations at HHSS and for an addition to JDHES, back in June, to the tune of $1.82 million. With the board's share of the cost – $1.83-million – the value of the work will be $3.65 million.



Forget your cares and go fishing!

Percy Gaskin of Haliburton plunks a graceful fishing line into the slowly-cooling river running through Rotary Park. He caught a few rock bass and sun fish, but he mostly spent his time relaxing during this beautiful Sunday afternoon. photo by Wendy Bird

Soyers' Lake residents are smiling here despite the miserable weather the day before . . . turn to page 26 for more pictures and an explanation!

Lesley Tashlin places sixth in Commonwealth Games

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

Congratulations to Lesley Tashlin, who is the sixth fastest hurdler in the British Commonwealth.

On Saturday afternoon, the former Haliburton resident raced against seven other women in the 100m hurdles event at the Commonwealth Games. Her time of 13:85 seconds was far off her best time, but after two false starts, the entire field had a slow race.

"She told me to tell you 'I'm happy, I'm smiling,'" says Lesley's mother, Lynn, who talked to her daughter over the phone shortly after the race. Mrs. Tashlin watched the race on television at her home in Haliburton, incredibly proud of her 25-year-old daughter's accomplishments.

Tashlin wasn't expecting to win a medal. This is her first international competition and she is ranked second in Canada. Before the race she was ranked 11th in the Commonwealth and was very pleased to have pushed that up to sixth. She told her mother that had she not hit the eighth hurdle, she could have been ahead of her top Canadian rival, who came in fifth.

Her main goal was to earn enough points to be "carded," which entitles her to government funding as she continues her training. She has been training with the Ottawa Lions and also hopes to go to Louisiana in the fall. She is a graduate of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, where she and her twin sister Lindsey were on the track and field team.

On Friday, Tashlin came fourth in her semi-final heat and had her best personal time of 13:40. She was interviewed by CBC television after the race but unfortunately many people in Haliburton missed it because a thunder storm knocked out the cable earlier that afternoon. Mrs. Tashlin had to hurry to her niece's house to watch it on satellite television.

Mrs. Tashlin had talked to her daughter on Thursday night. "She said 'I'm not nervous, I'm excited.' She's stayed extremely focused."

The hurdler is coming home to Haliburton for the Labour Day weekend and the Echo plans to have an interview with her.

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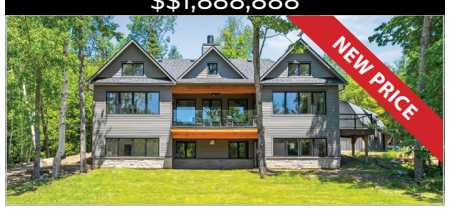

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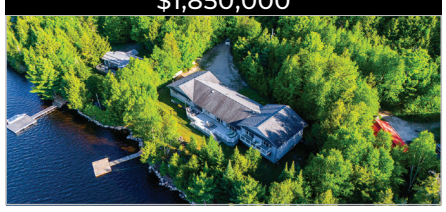

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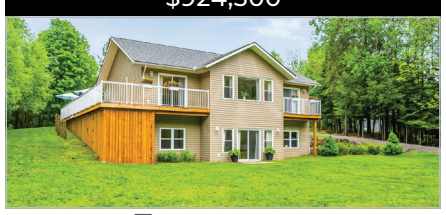

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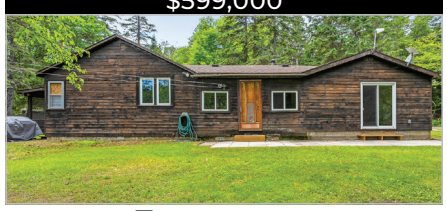

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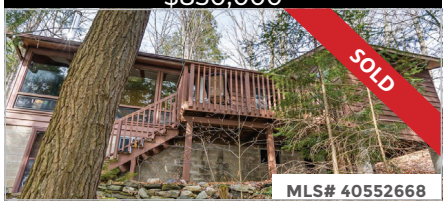

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